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USAID and American Councils for International Education (ACCELS) Seek Applications for the Community Connections Program on Library Management

The USAID-funded Community Connections Program provides an important opportunity for the American people and people from across Central Asia to work together to address common professional challenges while expanding their social and cultural understanding. As business and professional communities of both countries become more integrated, opportunities for positive relations between the American people and the people from Central Asia become increasingly important.

This program offers home stay-based, three-week practical training opportunities in the United States. Participants will observe library management practices in the United States and interact closely with library professionals to share knowledge and practices. The competition is open to library leading experts and managers working in national libraries in Tajikistan. Employees of the Ministry of Culture supervising the Tajik library sector are also welcome to apply.

The professional group will travel to the U.S. in October 2008. Candidates should have leadership potential in the library management field and live and work in Tajikistan. Preference will be given to candidates that run and manage national libraries of Tajikistan. English language is not required for this program.

For participation please complete the application form and submit it not later than August 4, 2008. Application forms can be received from our official website www.cc-car.org or requested by e-mail from Aziza Ernazarova at ernazarova@americancouncils.tj Also, applications can be obtained from the following addresses:

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American Councils,	Khujand Educational Centre,
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Monday - Friday	July 28, 2008
12:00 to 13:00	from 10:00 to 15:00